

CLAIMS AMENDMENT

1. (currently amended): A stable dried native Factor VIII composition containing histidine 1.0-1.5 mg calcium per unit of Factor VIII and a stabilizing amount of trehalose which is freeze-dried in the absence of a stabilizing amount of albumin.

2. (currently amended): The composition, according to claim 1, containing 0.15 to 2.5 mg trehalose per unit of Factor VIII.

3. (currently amended): The composition, according to claim 1, wherein said native Factor VIII is recombinant.

4-5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended): A method for preparing a native Factor VIII therapeutic ~~composition~~ formulation for administration to a patient ~~by injection~~, wherein said method comprises reconstituting ~~a stable freeze-dried Factor VIII~~ the composition containing histidine and a stabilizing amount of trehalose in the absence of albumin of claim 1 so as to obtain an isotonic formulation.

7. (original): The method, according to claim 6, wherein said composition is reconstituted with water.

8. (original): The method, according to claim 6, wherein said composition is reconstituted with saline.